

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD
MARCH 10, 1992
ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

A Special Meeting of the Illinois Gaming Board was held at 1:00 P.M. on March 10, 1992 at the Plaza One Hotel in Rock Island, Illinois. The meeting was called by Chairman William J. Kunkle, Jr. and notice was duly and timely given to each Board Member and to the general public in conformity with Section 2.02 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

The following Board Members were present: William J. Kunkle, Jr. and Members Designate Robert Vickrey and Michael Zaransky. Members J. Thomas Johnson and William J. Chamblin were absent.

Also in attendance were Administrator Morton E. Friedman, Deputy Administrators Marcy L. Wolf, Joseph McQuaid and J. Thomas Hutchison. Additionally, Chief Legal Counsel Donna B. More, other Board staff, the media and the general public were present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William J. Kunkle, Jr. at 1:03 P.M.

The first order of business was consideration of the elements necessary for authorization of a final practice gaming excursion as they related to Rock Island Boatworks, Incorporated. The Chairman recognized the Administrator.

Administrator Morton E. Friedman requested permission of the Board to conduct the final practice gaming excursion. He reviewed documents earlier sent to the membership concerning handicapped accessibility, adequacy of insurance coverage, a review of the Casino Rock Island's internal controls, including security and surveillance measures. Mr. Friedman also stated that the workforce of Rock Island Boatworks, Incorporated, compared favorably with the labor market of the quad-cities area. The Chairman asked for discussion and recognized Mr. Zaransky.

Mr. Zaransky noted a technical flaw in the insurance certificate that listed Jumer Hotels as the insured instead of Rock Island Boatworks, Incorporated. Mr. Zaransky suggested the applicant submit a new insurance certificate listing Rock Island Boatworks, Incorporated as the insured. On behalf of the applicant, Mr. Michael Ficaro stated that such a certificate would be provided. There was no further discussion.

Mr. Vickrey moved that the Administrator be authorized to conduct a final practice gaming excursion with respect to the applicant, Rock Island Boatworks, Incorporated. Mr. Zaransky seconded the motion. The Chairman called for the yeas and nays.

The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The next order of business was the approval of the combined 1991 Annual Report and Wagering Study.

Mr. Zaransky moved that the 1991 Annual Report and Wagering Study be approved as submitted, and that the staff be instructed to file the document with the Office

of the Governor. Mr. Vickrey seconded the motion. The Chairman called for the yeas and nays.

The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Chairman stated that he wanted to commend staff on the preparation of the 1991 Annual Report and Wagering Study and their continued excellent work with other gaming jurisdictions nationally.

At the Administrator's request, Mr. Vickrey moved that pursuant to Illinois Revised Statutes 102, Section 42.02 (g), (h) and (k), the Board dissolve to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing two occupational license applications. Mr. Zaransky seconded the motion.

Without objection, the Board dissolved itself to Closed Session at 1:13 P.M.

The Illinois Gaming Board reconvened at 1:18 P.M.

Chairman Kunkle stated that the Board had set its Regular Meeting Schedule for 1992. The dates are:

Thursday, May 14, 1992
Thursday, July 9, 1992
Thursday, October 15, 1992

The next order of business concerned the Board's policy toward completeness and accuracy of license applications. The Chairman stated the Board's policy to wit:

"The Board will not tolerate a lie in an application, particularly when the information deals with past background misconduct. The Board views the charge made by statute very seriously to insure the honesty and integrity of riverboat gambling in Illinois. The Board is very concerned with not just the merits or content of past conduct of an applicant, but, more importantly, toward the candor and truthfulness of an applicant to disclose such information. It is the Board's position that applications for any license provided for under the Act will be complete in every sense, complete in every detail and absolutely truthful."

There was no further discussion.

The next order of business was a discussion by Mr. Zaransky concerning Jo Daviess Riverboat Corporation. Mr. Zaransky stated that he was concerned that it appeared the applicant was not taking necessary action to bring the enterprise into full operation and asked that Jo Daviess Riverboat Corporation be directed to appear before the Board at the next Regular Meeting. The Chairman responded that although Jo Daviess Riverboat Corporation makes regular written progress reports to the Board, that he agreed that the applicant should appear to answer questions in greater detail. The Administrator stated that he would assure the applicant's presence at the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Vickrey moved that the Board stand adjourned. Mr. Zaransky seconded the motion.

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 1:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Nelson
Secretary of the Board